



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Transportation implemented the Adopt-A-Highway program on October 11, 1989 as a means of helping to keep Tennessee highways clear of litter; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee spends more than \$11,000,000 each year on litter clean-up and prevention; and

WHEREAS, the Adopt-A-Highway program allows Tennesseans to volunteer from a business, civic group, service organization, community club, church group, environmentally-conscious group, or as an individual or an entire family to help keep Tennessee roadways litter-free; and

WHEREAS, volunteers of the Adopt-A-Highway program "adopt" a two-mile stretch of a state route and commit to conducting four litter pick up events during the course of each year; and

WHEREAS, each year thousands of Adopt-A-Highway volunteers contribute time and energy removing litter from state highways; and

WHEREAS, those efforts of Adopt-A-Highway volunteers help reduce state maintenance costs associated with litter clean-up; and

WHEREAS, volunteers help preserve and protect the natural beauty of Tennessee with their roadside clean-up events; and

WHEREAS, the state of Tennessee praises the volunteers of the Adopt-A-Highway program for their commitment and sense of community over the past twenty years;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Phil Bredesen, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the week of October 11-17, 2009 as

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statewide and encourage all citizens to join me in celebrating the twenty year anniversary of the program by becoming a volunteer of the Adopt-A-Highway program.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed at Nashville on this 17th day of September, 2009.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Phil Bredesen".

Governor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Lee Hargitt".

Secretary of State